Innovative Service Development Grant FY 2022-2023 Questions and Answers

1) When are grant application packages due and do all forms requiring a signature have to be signed upon submission?

Applications are due May 13, 2022 and shall be emailed to FLCTDGrantApps@dot.state.fl.us. Signatures are not required at the time of submission but must be received prior to grant execution, if awarded.

2) Where can I find the recording and copy of the presentation that was provided during the March 31, 2022, grant program workshop?

The recording and presentation can be found on our website at: https://ctd.fdot.gov/Grants.htm. We will post the same information from the 2nd webinar on May 3, 2022 (time to be determined)

3) When will the 2nd workshop be held and will it be the same as the one held on March 31st?

The 2nd workshop will be held on May 3, 2022 (time to be determined). No, it will not be the exact same presentation provided on March 31st. It will include feedback from reviews of early submissions.

4) Is there a list of previously approved projects?

Yes. There are lists of approved projects for the FY2019-20 and FY2020-21 posted on our website at: https://ctd.fdot.gov/Grants.htm

5) How early should applications be submitted to be assured to get a "cursory" review and feedback for additional information?

To ensure adequate time for feedback, early submissions must be submitted no later than April 22nd.

6) Is there a limit to the number of grants applications a CTC can submit?

No, there is no limit on the number of applications that can be submitted. Each service area is eligible for one award.

7) Is there a limit to project funding?

Yes, \$750,000 is the maximum amount that can be awarded for a single service area project; \$1.5 million is the maximum amount that can be awarded for a "regional" (multiple service areas) project.

8) Should last year's rate model be used to calculate rates for the application?

The rate model is one method that can be used to support the rates requested. If using the rate model, it should be the latest commission-approved rate model.

9) Is a start-up period allowed for hiring, etc, in advance of on-the-road service commencement? If so, what is the duration of a start-up period allowed by the Commission?

Yes, an applicant shall identify a start-up period, if needed, to establish services under the approved project. There is no "allowable" timeframe. The timeline shall include major milestones such as the hiring of additional staff in the proposal.

10) How should administrative costs of the program be factored in?

Direct and indirect program expenses that are allowable, reasonable, and necessary shall be factored into the total project budget used to establish service rates.

11) Can the Commission pay an hourly rate, daily rate, weekly rate or monthly rate?

No, the Commission will only reimburse for a TDTF eligible individual's trip by either the trip or the mile.